Drell-Yan cross-section measurement at COMPASS

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Pion structure

In principle the simplest hadron and yet still pretty unknown structure



COMPASS Collaboration at CERN

\sim 200 physicists from 25 institutions from 13 countries





Beam line:

- High intensity hadron beam: \sim 70 MHz
- High energy: 190 GeV
- Negative hadron beam composition:
 - 97% pions
 - 2% kaons
 - 1% anti proton

Apparatus: Two-stage spectrometer



NIMA 577 (2007) 455, NIMA 779 (2015) 69, NIMA 1025 (2022) 166069

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Zoom on the target region

Light nuclei from spin average polarised target: mixture of **NH**₃ & **LHe**:

molar fraction of nucleons:

Н	He	Ν	
15.7%	11.1%	73.2%	

 $\sim\pm2\%$ in the accessible region

Target will be denoted NH_3 -He in the following

Two nuclear targets: intermediate and large A: AI & W





Mass spectra and region of interest

Several channels contribute to inclusive dimuon final state production:

- Combinatorial background
- Open-Charm production in low mass
- Resonances: ${\sf J}/\psi$ and ψ'
- Drell-Yan in high mass



Statistical separation based on the different kinematic dependence with various Monte-Carlo samples and the combinatorial background distribution assessed from like-sign pairs in real data $(2\sqrt{N^{++}N^{--}})$: "Cocktail fit"

Collected pairs in the region of interest 4.3 GeV/ c^2 to 8.5 GeV/ c^2 : NH₃-He: 36 000 AI: 6 000 W: 43 000

Long way to cross-section measurement

Recorded number of dimuons



Drell-Yan cross section

- \blacksquare Process purity > 90% for $M/({\rm GeV}/c^2)>$ 4.3, 4.9 and 5.5 in NH_3-He, AI and W
- Acceptance: between 1 and 20 %
- Suminosity
- Trigger system normalisation
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3 dimensional Drell-Yan cross section on NH_3 -He



- First high statistics measurement with light material
- Red line/shaded area: statistical / total (stat. and syst.) uncertainties
- Dominated by statistical uncertainty

$q_{\rm T}$ dependence of Drell-Yan cross section on NH₃-He

Unique inputs to extract π TMD PDF with minimum nuclear effects

Systematics uncertainty at the level of statistical precision



3 dimensional Drell-Yan cross section on W



- Wide kinematic coverage
- Red line/shaded area: statistical / total (stat. and syst.) uncertainties
- Dominated by systematic uncertainty

Drell-Yan cross section on W and comparison to E615



$$\sqrt{ au} = M/\sqrt{s}$$

- New results since 30 years
- Similar kinematic coverage as E615
- Better statistics, similar total systematics except for the low mass region

Drell-Yan cross section on W and comparison to NA10



- Wider kinematic coverage
- Worse accuracy in statistics as well as in systematics

Flavour dependent EMC effect:

Unlike DIS, π -induced Drell-Yan process tags the quark flavour nCTEQ15: unconstrained flavour dependence EPS09: no flavour dependence





Flavour dependence of $R_{\pi A}^{DY}(x_N) = (A_2 d\sigma_{\pi A_1}^{DY})/(A_1 d\sigma_{\pi A_2}^{DY})$



- Ratio of integrated DY cross section per nucleon in all but x_N variable
- Covering the domain of EMC effect and end of anti-shadowing
- General trend as expected...
- \bullet \ldots Currently limited by systematics except possibly for Al/(NH_3-He)

Parton energy loss and Cronin effects

Parton crossing nuclear medium, looses energy due to multiple scattering and gluon emission

Signatures:

- Gain of transverse momentum: *q*_T Broadening
- Loss of longitudinal momentum: Suppression at large x_F

$\overrightarrow{p}_{\perp} + \Delta \overrightarrow{p}_{\perp} \qquad \mu^{-}$

Drell-Yan nuclear modification factor $R_{\pi A}^{DY} = (A_2 d\sigma_{\pi A_1}^{DY})/(A_1 d\sigma_{\pi A_2}^{DY})$ vs q_T



- Ratio of integrated DY cross section per nucleon in all but $q_{\rm T}$ variable
- Measurements are in agreement with effective effects encoded in nPDF
- Currently limited by systematics except possibly for $AI/(NH_3-He)$

Drell-Yan nuclear modification factor $R(A_1/A_2)$ in x_F for various q_T bins



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- $\Rightarrow\,$ COMPASS has released a wealth of preliminary Drell-Yan cross sections
- $\Rightarrow\,$ High statistics measurement is available on a light target
- \Rightarrow Systematics uncertainties are at the same order of magnitude as E615

Perspective:

Finalisation of Drell-Yan cross-section measurements in the coming months expected



BACKUP



How to probe the meson structure?



 π^- -induced Drell-Yan measurements: W.J. Stirling and M.R. Whalley 1993 J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 19 D1

-	Experiment	Target type	Beam energy (GeV)	DY mass (GeV/ c^2)	DY events	Systematics
NA3	NA3	30cm H ₂	200	4.10 - 8.50	121	12.6%
	NA3	6cm Pt	200	4.20 - 8.50	4,961	12.070
-		120cm D ₂	286	4.2 - 8.5	7,800	
NA10		140	4.35 - 8.5	3,200		
	NAIO		286	4.2 - 8.5	49,600	6.5%
	12cm W	194	4.07-15.19	155,000 (inc. Ƴ)		
		140	4.35 - 8.5	29,300		
-	E615	20cm W	252	4.05 - 8.55	30,000	16%
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Situation for the other experiments

- NA10: Estimated to be negligeable and no correction
- E615: Evaluation with MC technique and subtraction



